



E-VENTS CALENDAR

June 2009



THE LUCKY ONES

It's Refugee Week and last Saturday 12 June, four of our staff with a refugee background were featured in the Advertiser's **sawekend** magazine. Their powerful stories give us a small insight into the reasons they had to flee their own countries and start a new life in Australia. It shares their hardships and dreams for the future. The stories feature the following people:

- **Ummul** from Afghanistan
- **Celian** from Sudan
- **Catherine** from Liberia
- **Hafez** from Iran



Please find Saturday's paper and read these wonderful real life stories. Alternatively find the stories written by Deborah Bogle on the AdelaideNow website.

CHARITY DIRECT



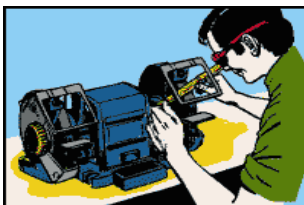
ARA has recently become a member of **Charity Direct**. Charity Direct's mission is to raise public confidence that funds raised by its members are responsibly managed. Charity Direct Incorporated actively promotes ethical behaviour, responsible cost management and compliance with legislation and Code of Conduct.

STREET DIRECTORIES



We are actively pursuing the availability of **Adelaide Street Directories** to assist our clients with directions to appointments and to help them familiarise themselves with Adelaide and suburbs. Street Directories, not necessarily current but in reasonable condition are being sourced to give to people as they require them. If you have any available or know of organisations that may be replacing old directories please consider donating them to ARA for distribution. Please contact Erika on 8161 3322 or email fundraising@ausref.net

MEN'S BUSINESS



"A Safe Start" – Employment Preparation program for Refugees and Migrants.

Employment Information Session – presented by ARA Employment Services Manager Hafez Zamani

Thursday 18 June 2009 at 3.30pm at ARA
304 Henley Beach Road, Underdale

To register your interest, please contact:
Dusko Cuckovic, ARA Settlement Officer
Telephone: 8161 3308
Fax: 8354 2953
Email: dusko.cuckovic@ausref.net

JOB-READY SET GO



Assisting young people from refugee backgrounds who are currently studying gain part time employment.

- Are you studying (at school, TAFE, or university)?
- Are you aged 15 – 25 years?
- Do you want help in finding a part time job?

Job-Ready Set Go is a new ARA program to help you get part time work.

8 workshops will be held on topics including:
resume writing, **interview skills**, OH&S,
looking for jobs, taxes, **Centreline** etc.

Workshop dates:

Workshops held every **Tuesday** for 8 weeks

Starting on **Tuesday 12th May** Email:

Time: 4 – 6pm

Location: ARA
304 Henley Beach Rd
Underdale

Contact: ARA / Cathryn
Tel: 8161 3328 or 8354 2951
cathryn.izatt@ausref.net

All applicants must fill in a registration form (please contact Cathryn at ARA).



This project is funded
by the Office for Youth

INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING PROGRAM

Help your children be healthy and happy in school. Share ideas and gain support from other parents

For parents of 0 – 5 year old children

Thursdays 9:00am – 12.00pm for 12 weeks
Starting 21 May until 27 August

Nazareth Early Childhood Centre
2 Almond Avenue, Findon



For further information please contact: Monica at CAMHS 8341 1222 or Michelle at ARA 8354 2951

This is a joint project by CAMHS Western Region, ARA and Nazareth Catholic Community, funded by the Premier's Community Initiatives Fund and the Department for Families and Communities.



Government of South Australia
Children, Youth and Women's
Health Service



REFUGEE WEEK 2009
14-20 June 2009

FURNITURE DONATION CENTRE

The **Furniture Donation Centre** relies on donations of clean, ready to use furniture, including sofas, beds, unmarked mattresses, dressing tables, shelves, wardrobes, desks, tables and chairs.

Your donation of good quality furniture and household items enables refugees to establish homes in their new communities.

Surplus goods will on occasion be sold and all funds raised in this manner will be used to support refugees. For further information or to advise of a donation please contact:

Steve Fuller at ARA on Telephone: 8354 2951 Mobile: 0413 562 988 or Email: Steve.Fuller@ausref.net

Calling All Electricians!!

On occasions ARA has the opportunity to obtain good quality electric appliances. We are, however, unable to accept these items because of the risk involved. This risk is lessened if we are able to have the goods checked and tagged. If you are, or know of any electricians, who would be happy to volunteer a little bit of time to check and test these items for us we would be very grateful. Please contact Erika on 8161 3322 if you are able to help or put us in touch with someone who can.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



The new 2009/2010 Entertainment Books are worth their weight in gold!

Purchase your brand new 2009/2010 Entertainment Book now and receive over **\$15,000** in valuable offers, valid through 1 June, 2010. At the same time, you'll be helping ARA with its fundraising.

The Entertainment Book is your guide to the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, sports and leisure activities...all with 25% to 50% off or 2-for-1 offers.

Books sell at \$65 each. Please contact Erika Marshall on 8161 3322 or email: Erika.Marshall@ausref.net if you are interested in purchasing a book.

AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL 2009 COMMUNITY LOTTERY

LIMITED BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE - Ticket sales finish on 30 June 2009

Everyone's a winner with this annual lottery.

Show your support and win some great prizes. 130 Prizes are on offer with a value of \$261,029.

First prize is a Mitsubishi Lancer VR-X Auto sedan valued at \$33,000. A Jurgens Caravan valued at \$28,000 is second prize and third is a \$25,000 shopping spree at Harvey Norman.

Tickets are only \$2 each (Books of 10) and ARA will retain 100% of funds from tickets it sells.

If you would like to purchase tickets/books or are able to assist with the sale of books please contact Erika Marshall on 8161 3322 or Email: Erika.marshall@ausref.net

For a full prize list please go to www.australiancentral.com.au



ARA MEMBERSHIP

ARA welcomes membership applications from all friends and supporters.

Membership entitles you to a membership badge, newsletters and annual report together with voting rights at general meetings.

To ARA, your membership is of vital importance when we are advocating with governments for better policies for refugee and asylum seekers.

Individual membership \$22, Couple membership \$33 or Business membership \$55 together with a special rate for Volunteers \$11 per annum are available.

If you would like to support ARA in this manner, please contact ARA (8161 3322) for a membership application and return it together with your remittance to ARA Membership at 304 Henley Beach Road, Underdale 5032.

Applications can also be downloaded from www.ausref.net

WORKPLACE GIVING

Workplace Giving allows employees to donate funds on a regular basis to a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) charity directly through their pay.

Workplace Giving is easy to set up and just a small contribution from each pay can really add up. This scheme is totally voluntary and amounts can be changed or ceased at the donor's discretion.

If you would like to donate in this way to support ARA, please check with your employer to see if he/she is happy to participate and then contact Erika Marshall at ARA on 8354 2951 – Erika.marshall@ausref.net for further information.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD AN EVENT TO SUPPORT ARA?

ARA would be pleased to hear from you if you would like to run an event to support our work with the refugee sector.

This support can take many forms and the following are suggestions only:

- Organise a 'Casual Day' at your work place for a gold coin donation
- Hold a morning tea or get together at work or with your friends.
- Organise some friends to hold a Badge Day at a local shopping centre
- Suggest your friends and family make a donation to ARA in lieu of gifts for a birthday or anniversary

Your support in any of these areas or suggestions of your own is most welcome. ARA is happy to assist with publicity, brochures about the organisation or tins and badges if you choose to organise a collection.

To register your interest or to discuss any possibilities, please contact Erika at 8354 2951.

Your support will help us to help others. Please contact us soon!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• **AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE ASSOCIATION** needs volunteers especially for the **Homework Clubs, Family Support Program, Reception and Marketing, Fundraising and Promotions.**

To view/download a volunteer information pack about all our volunteer placements visit www.ausref.net or call reception for details on 8354 2951

DONATIONS AND FUNDS NEEDED

•ARA REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ARA has set up the Refugee Scholarship Fund as a practical way of demonstrating support and empathy for refugees and to assist with education and training. Donations are managed and administered by the Australian Refugee Association and are tax deductible. Contact reception@ausref.net or telephone: 8354 2951

•**THE ASYLUM SEEKER FUND** at the **Australian Refugee Association (ARA)** needs your help with funds and non-perishable food. **All donations are tax deductible** (please mark 'Asylum Seeker Fund'). For more information contact Reception at ARA on 8354 2951, or at reception@ausref.net

OTHER USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Amnesty International: www.amnesty.org.au/refugees
- Centre for Refugee Research at University of NSW: www.crr.unsw.edu.au
- DIAC: www.immi.gov.au
- Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education: www.erc.org.au
- Lutheran Community Care: www.LCCSA.org.au
- Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia: www.mrcsa.com.au
- Multicultural Youth South Australia: www.mysa.com.au
- Refugee Action: www.refugeeaction.org
- Refugee Council of Australia: www.refugeecouncil.org.au
- STTARS – Supporting Survivors of Torture & Trauma www.sttars.org.au
- UNHCR news at: www.unhcr.ch/refworld/reflink
- Volunteering SA & NT Inc: www.volunteeringsa.org.au

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